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DEATH COMES TO MRS. M'KINLEY.

Dropping Into Dreamless Sleep Yesterday Morning.

END CALM AND PEACEFUL.

All of Her Children and Relatives Were at Her Bedside.

WHEN HER SOUL TOOK FLIGHT.

The funeral services will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal Church Tuesday afternoon--The Ministers of all the Canton Churches will Aid Rev. C. E. Manchester, Pastor of the Church, in the Obsequies--President's Mother Dies at the identical hour of the Day Her Husband Passed Away--Cabinet Officers who will Attend the Funeral.

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 12.--Mrs. McKinley passed from life at a few minutes past 2 o'clock this morning with all her children and immediate relatives at her bedside. She did not suffer any in her last hours, but gradually passed from the deep slumber in which she has rested almost constantly for the past ten days into the sleep of death.

Around the death bed when the final scenes were enacted were President McKinley, his wife, Mr. Abner McKinley, Mrs. Duncan and Miss Helen McKinley, children of the aged women. The aged sister was there, Mrs. Abigail Osborne, the only one of the Allison family now living. Mrs. Bowman, of Lorain; Misses Grace and Mabel McKinley, James McKinley, Miss Duncan and Jack Duncan, grand children, were all in the party that witnessed the last scene in the gentle life. The President and his wife remained at the bedside the hour after the end, but at 4 o'clock every member of the family had retired.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal church of this city, at 1 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon. Interment will follow in West Lawn cemetery, just west of the city, and Tuesday evening President McKinley and wife and officials from Washington, who attend the funeral, will leave for the capitol, reaching there about noon Wednesday.

These are the arrangements so far, as completed since the death of Mother McKinley shortly after 2 o'clock this morning.

It was at first thought by the family that the services would be of a more private nature, held at the old home-stead. It was soon learned, however, through the pastor of Mrs. McKinley's church and members of the congregation, as well as from other friends, that the number of friends who desired to pay their last tribute of respect to the beloved woman by attending the obsequies, could not be accommodated with such arrangements and church services were decided upon. Rev. Dr. Manchester, the pastor of the church, has announced that it is his desire and that he will extend an invitation to have the ministers of all of the churches, of which there are about thirty, occupy the pulpit and participate in the services.

The pall-bearers have been selected from among the older members of the church, and those who for years have been close neighbors of the deceased. They are:

Judge William R. Day, Hon. William A. Lynch, former Mayor R. A. Cassidy, L. N. Miller, W. W. Clark, Judge T. J. McCarty, David Zollars, and former Mayor John F. Blake.

The First Methodist church, in which the services are to be held, is one in which Mother McKinley worshipped during her residence in Canton, and in which she was found almost every Sunday morning, only serious indisposition or important circumstances keeping her away. Three weeks ago to-day, she was in her pew, as usual, and though she was nearly eighty-nine years of age, her attendance had been regular all the while. This is also the congregation with which the President has always been associated. It was at this church that he was superintendent of the Sunday School thirty years ago, and here he has always attended services when in Canton, usually going with his mother. They last attended together last September, when the President was here during his summer vacation. The President is a member of the board of trustees of the church.

At daylight this morning, at the suggestion of some of the older members of the congregation that an old-time custom, now almost obsolete, be observed to publicly announce the death, the bell in the tower of the church slowly tolled off the years of her age.

It is a coincidence that Mrs. McKinley died at almost the identical hour of the day as did her husband on Thanksgiving day, five years ago. President McKinley remained up until about 2:30 o'clock, a little more than an hour after the death, and then retired for a few hours of sleep. During the forenoon he and his brother spent the greater part of an hour walking about the more secluded streets near home, securing much needed exercise and fresh air. The President was greatly refreshed by the exercise, although even before he seemed little the worse physically for the trying ordeal of the past days during which, except when he went to Washington to attend to official duties, he kept almost constant vigil at the bedside of his mother.

In the afternoon President McKinley and his brother Abner drove to beautiful West Lawn cemetery, about a mile west of the home, to attend personally to arrangements for the interment which will be made in the family lot, where lies the remains of the husband and father, and which adjoins the lot which, for more than twenty years, has contained the bodies of the two children of the President and his wife, under carefully kept mounds that are strewn with flowers whenever the President comes to Canton. To-day the President tenderly and tearfully laid clusters of flowers on the graves, while the effluence of the mother's resting place was being sanctified.

Messages of condolence are pouring into the telegraph office from all quarters, and many friends have already called at the home to offer sympathy. Mr. Stewart L. Bowman, of Lorain, the husband of one of Mrs. McKinley's grand children, joined the family circle this morning.

The children and grand-children, except Mrs. George H. Morris, of Kan-

Francisco, a daughter of the late David McKinley, and all of the immediate family, were here for the closing scenes of the life. Other relatives will come for the funeral.

Assistant Secretary of State Day has remained as an old friend of the President, and is assisting in making the funeral arrangements. During her life Mrs. McKinley showed a fondness for visiting with her children, and besides taking them at her home as much as possible, frequently visited at their home. She spent one winter with her son David, in California, shortly before his death and frequently went to the Somerset, Pa., home of her son Abner, as well as to Pittsburgh and later to Cleveland, the home of the Duncans.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.--All the members of the cabinet, whose official duties will permit their leaving Washington at this time, will start for Canton to-morrow evening to attend the funeral of Mrs. McKinley.

The party will include Secretaries Alger, Bliss, Wilson and Garg, Attorney General McKenna and Secretary Sherman, if the latter is feeling well enough to make the trip. Secretaries Long and Gage are detained in Washington by pressing departmental duties. Vice President Hobart will also remain here, his presence being necessary as the presiding officer of the senate. The ladies of the party will be Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Gary, Mrs. Alger and Mrs. Porter. The arrangements for the journey are being made here by Mr. Porter, secretary to the President.

The party will have two private cars at their disposal. They will leave Washington at 7:10 p. m., over the Pennsylvania railroad, reaching Canton about 10 o'clock the following morning. After an informal luncheon and a brief rest, the party will attend the funeral services and return by the evening train to Washington. The President's car will probably be added to the train and he will return at once to the white house.

The President on his return will devote himself to disposing of the large amount of routine business which has accumulated in his absence and will receive no callers for the remainder of the week.

Just what effect the death of the President's mother will have upon the social events in official circles for the remainder of the winter it is impossible to say, the matter being left in abeyance until the President's return.

A HOME LOVING WOMAN.

A Sketch of the Life of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley--She Followed the President's Career with Pride and Solicitude.

Mrs. McKinley was distinctively a home-loving woman, and the two story frame cottage on West Tuscarawas street in Canton, where she died and where she had lived for many years, was dearer to her than any other spot on earth. There she spent her declining days with her daughter Helen and her grandchildren, Grace and James McKinley, receiving occasional visits from her other children, seldom going out except to church, where she could be found every Sunday morning unless prevented by illness.

While showing a deep affection for her other children, she had followed the career of William with pride and solicitude. With fond motherly admiration she watched him rise from the position of prosecuting attorney of his own county by successive stations to congress, governor and finally to the presidency. During the memorable campaign of last year for the nomination and afterwards for the election, Mrs. McKinley was one of the most interested observers. She was always given the place of honor at the home of her illustrious son, and on the day that his nomination by the St. Louis convention was announced she heard the news as soon as he did. It was then that William McKinley showed the deep love he bore his mother by kissing her as soon as he had received the announcement of the result at St. Louis. Although the trying campaign that followed she watched after her son with deep interest. She was a frequent caller at his house and was visited by many of the visiting delegations of Republicans. She accompanied the President to the inauguration, riding in the special train, and remained in Washington until Mr. and Mrs. McKinley had become settled in their new home. Then she returned to the Canton cottage with expressions of gratitude for her home once more.

Nancy Allison McKinley came of a family which was transplanted from England to the hills of Virginia. The Allison family subsequently removed to Greene county, Pennsylvania, where Abner Allison, Nancy's father, was born, and where he married Ann Campbell, of Scotch-German descent. Early in the present century Mr. and Mrs. Allison came from Pennsylvania to Columbus county, this state, traveling by pack horse. In 1809, near the present city of Lisbon, Nancy Allison was born. Her girlhood was passed on the farm, and in 1827 she married William McKinley, a young iron manufacturer. The couple lived first at Fairfield and afterward at Niles and Poland before removing to Canton. Nine children were born to them. They were David Allison, deceased; Anna, deceased; James, deceased; Mary, deceased; Helen, now living at Canton; Sarah Elizabeth, now the wife of A. J. Duncan, of Cleveland; William, the President; Abigail Celia, deceased, and Abner, whose home is in New York.

William McKinley, sr., died in November, 1892, at the age of 55 years.

GERMANY IN CHINA.

English Won't Interfere If Germany Plays Fair in Egypt.

LONDON, Dec. 12.--The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says he hears that Great Britain agrees not to oppose Germany's occupation of Kiaochow in return for Germany's promise not to interfere in the Egyptian question.

According to a dispatch from Shanghai to the same paper, the Germans are extending the area of occupation at Kiaochow and now control 400 square miles. They have arranged a German administration and are already collecting duties.

The Tsung-Li-Ymen, says the dispatch, has appointed a prince to negotiate a settlement with the Germans.

Prominent Missionary Critically Ill.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.--Cable messages received here are to the effect that the Rev. David A. Day, D. D., one of the best known missionaries of the German Lutheran synod of the United States, left the Royal Hospital at Liverpool yesterday in a very critical condition, and sailed for New York in the care of his wife. Dr. Day has been at Mulkenburg, Liberia, for twenty-three years, and has achieved eminent success in his missionary work there. Stricken down with African fever he was obliged to go to England last October, but growing no better he is returning to America with the hope of reaching here and laying the results of his work before the synod. His condition is such, however, that death may come during the voyage.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

Martinsburg Shocked by the Suicide of John W. Bishop.

ONE OF LEADING MERCHANTS

Of That City--Nothing in His Manner or Conduct to Indicate that he Contemplated the Distressing Act--After Dining with His Family he Repaired to His Place of Business and Shot a Bullet in His Brain, Exploding a Short Time Afterwards--It is Said that he was Laboring Under a Severe Nervous Strain--The Community Greatly Shocked.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 12.--John W. Bishop, the leading business man of this place shot and killed himself to-day. After dining with his family he went to his place of business with his chief clerk, Edward Sigler. Mr. Sigler left him alone in the room, intending to be gone only a minute. He had hardly stepped out before he heard a pistol shot, and on returning found Mr. Bishop lying on the floor in a pool of blood, with a bullet hole back of the right ear, and the pistol, which was kept in the office, a short distance from him. Mr. Sigler at once summoned a physician, but the wounded man lived less than an hour, never regaining consciousness.

Mr. Bishop was suffering from nervous prostration, due to overwork in the management of his extensive business. He returned only a few days ago from Florida, where he was accompanied by his wife for his health, but was not benefited. His family were planning another trip for him. There was nothing in his manner or conduct to indicate that he intended to commit suicide. After entering the office with Mr. Sigler, he sat down on the corner of the table. Mr. Sigler offered him a chair, which he very composedly declined, saying he was perfectly comfortable.

Mr. Bishop was about fifty-five years old, and was a native of Kingwood, Preston county, from which place he came here when a very young man, as a storekeeper at the Hannis distillery. Later he engaged in the wholesale grocery and grain business with A. Franter, and some years ago succeeded the firm. Within the past year he has built a large floor and meal mill, which is operating successfully.

For a number of years he was a director in the People's National bank, and upon the organization of the Merchants' and Farmers' bank was elected president, a position he retained. He was strictly a business man, and was a large property owner. He was an enterprising citizen, always taking a leading part in securing industries for this place. His death was a great shock to the entire community, and is keenly felt.

His married Miss Emily Alburts, a daughter of the late Samuel Alburts, who, with three children, survive.

Supreme Court Decisions.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 12.--The supreme court handed down the following decisions Saturday morning, and adjourned until Tuesday morning:

Smith vs. Bailey's administrators, from Wood county, opinion by McWhorter; decree of circuit court affirmed. Altizer vs. Huskirk, from Logan county, opinion by Brannon, judgment of circuit court reversed, and cause remanded. Carberry vs. Perry et al, from Kanawha county, opinion by Brannon. He married Miss Emily Alburts, a daughter of the late Samuel Alburts, who, with three children, survive.

Decree of circuit court reversed, and cause remanded. Douglas vs. K. & M. B. R. Co., from Mason county, opinion by English, judgment of circuit court affirmed. Fletcher vs. Parker, from Summers county, writ of error and superedeas allowed, bond \$1,000. Scraggs vs. Mann, appeal and superedeas allowed, bond \$200. McClure vs. Comp, from Greenbrier county, petition for writ of error refused. Thorne vs. Sprouse, from Wirt county, appeal allowed; bond \$200.

Elkhorn's Defaulting Postmaster.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WELCH, W. Va., Dec. 12.--The accounts of H. C. Ross, the absconding postmaster at Elkhorn, this county, have been examined by Inspector Irwin and reported to be \$1,500 short. He is supposed to have gone to Mexico. His bondsmen have taken charge of the office and will have to make up the shortage. Ross was a very prominent young man. He at one time was train master of the Norfolk & Western railroad, and was a candidate for clerk of the criminal court of this county at the last election. Every effort will be made to capture him.

Two Senatorial Vacancies.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 12.--Governor Atkinson is in receipt of a letter from Hon. Stuart E. Reed, senator from the Clarksburg district, enclosing his resignation, giving as his reasons that he had recently been appointed postmaster at Clarksburg. Mr. Reed's resignation makes the second vacancy in the senate. Senator Hyde, from Piedmont, having died last summer. Should an extra session be called it is imperative that thirty days before the call notice shall be given for a special election to be held to fill the vacancies. Under those conditions the special session could not be held before some time in February.

Stenhouseville Dry Goods House Closed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

STENHOUSEVILLE, O., Dec. 12.--The dry goods store of Samuel Samuels, of this city, was closed last night on two executions or judgment taken in the Tuscarawas county court in favor of Samuels & Cohen, of Pittsburgh, for \$2,816. 67, and Max and Harry Polowsky, of Pittsburgh, for \$114.

Farmer's Home Burned.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 12.--Friday night the house of Philip Vangilder, in Winfield district, burned down. It was a new ten-room house. Very little of the household goods were saved. Loss about \$2,000, with no insurance.

Illit Distillers Captured.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 12.--The notorious Redden brothers, who for a number of years have been operating an illicit distillery in Raleigh county, were captured to-day, by United States Marshal Dan Cunningham, and their

distillery confiscated. The officers have long been engaged in a search for the base of the Redden brothers' operations, and the arrest to-day is considered by the authorities an important victory in behalf of the law. The Reddens have frequently been indicted, but up to date have been successful in evading punishment.

EX-GOV. M'CORKLE'S VIEWS.

Says the South is Drifting to Protection and the East to Free Trade--A Tribute to Senator Elikins.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.--W. A. MacCorkle, ex-governor of West Virginia, is one of the progressive Democrats in the south who does not believe in free trade. At the Fifth Avenue hotel to-day the ex-governor told some of his experiences during the last presidential campaign. Mr. MacCorkle remarked that he never believed in absolute free trade, and added:

"The south will soon believe in protection and New England will advocate free trade. We are becoming great producers, and we certainly need protection. I have differed with William L. Wilson, the great exponent of free trade ideas. When he began to agitate for free trade in 1890, I was a Democrat by 15,000 majority; but when his bill had been tried the state gave a Republican majority of 15,000 a change of 30,000 votes. Yet Mr. Wilson is a distinguished man, and is now the president of a big college."

As to Republicanism in the south, the ex-governor declared that Senator Elikins is a progressive Republican, and that the people would rather have him in the senate than a Republican who has no special interest in the state.

CHILTON'S BONDSMEN

State that His Shortage Will be Liquidated Next Tuesday.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 12.--Governor Atkinson was in receipt of a telegram last night from Hon. F. B. Enlow, of Huntington, one of the bondsmen for ex-Secretary of State W. E. Chilton, stating that arrangements had been made to pay part due the state Monday, and the balance will be liquidated by Tuesday.

Union Pacific Holdings to be Paid.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 12.--Auditor LaFollette has been notified that the bonds of the Union Pacific railroad company, which were owned by the state of West Virginia, will be paid off on January 1. The bonds were purchased by the accumulations of the irreducible school fund and aggregate \$55,000. The interest the bonds bore was 6 per cent.

KILLED FOUR WIVES.

And Three Other Persons for the Purpose of Collecting Insurance Money on Their Lives--An Industrious Villain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.--Charles Zanolli, who is suspected of having killed four of his wives and three other persons for the purpose of collecting insurance money on their lives, is still a prisoner at police headquarters. He continues his protestations of innocence of foul deeds. In his conversation Zanolli expresses himself as being more than ready to help the detectives toward the solution of all doubtful questions, and Chief Detective McCluskey acknowledges that the prisoner has been of great assistance to him in clearing up some of the details of the investigation, which might otherwise have cost much time and trouble.

The police have learned that the young woman who had been selected by Zanolli as his fifth wife just before his arrest on Thursday last, is Barbara Hoffman, twenty-five years of age, a resident of Brooklyn. She had answered the advertisement of Zanolli under the name of C. Wagner.

Zanolli has at least a smattering of things medical, which he gained in his apprenticeship for the trade of barbering in Germany. He is able to pull teeth and to perform the operation known as cupping and is familiar with the use of the cautery. He is a very clever man. It is possible, Chief McCluskey thinks, that he may be possessed of the same general knowledge of deadly drugs.

The police are now satisfied that Zanolli did not make away with the child, Lena Werner, daughter of one of the prisoner's dead wives. The girl is now in Germany with her father's relatives. The body of Jennie Schlessinger, the fourth wife, will be exhumed to-morrow.

SECOND ASSASSINATION

In a Week at Amite City, Louisiana--A Total Stranger the Last Victim--Something of a Mystery.

AMITE CITY, La., Dec. 12.--Another assassination, the second in a week, has been placed to the record for Tangipacha parish. This evening, in the full glare of the hotel lights, S. B. Mullen, a stranger here, was shot to death.

He was standing on the hotel gallery and the assassin shot him from behind. There were two shots fired, one of which penetrated the brain. Immediately a large crowd congregated and the greatest excitement prevailed. Sheriff Edwards was notified and organized a small posse. As soon as the moon rises bloodhounds will take up the trail of the guilty parties. Why Mullen was killed is as yet a mystery. He is an entire stranger here and could hardly have had any connection with any of the murders heretofore.

Some are under the impression that the man had enemies at his home who followed him here and murdered him. Others are of the opinion that the man was a detective and had come here for the purpose of working up some case.

Spots on the Sun.

GENEVA, N. Y., Dec. 12.--Prof. William H. Brooks, of Smith observatory, reports the observation of a great group of sun spots approaching the centre of the sun's disc. The group is visible with the naked eye through smoked glasses, and may be well defined with small telescopes. Measurements made by Prof. Brooks show this vast solar disturbance to be one hundred thousand miles in length.

Tried the Usualty Dodge.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 12.--David Davidson, the Handsburg wife murderer, has been convicted of murder in the first degree, with the penalty of life imprisonment. He is said to be the son of a prominent B. Loda physician. His defense was so ineffectual and during the trial Davidson seemed oblivious to his surroundings, but experts declared that he was shamming.

FORECAST OF WEEK

In Congress--Probable Action on Some Important Measures.

THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW

Will be Attacked in the House When the Legislative Appropriation Bill Comes Up--Opponents of the Law May Unite to Strike out the Provision for the Maintenance of the Commission--This Will Undoubtedly Precipitate Long Debate--The Same Contention May be Sprung in the Senate Over the Census Bill--Both Branches Will Adjourn Saturday for the Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.--If the proposed programme is carried out Congress will adjourn for the holiday recess next Saturday. The week in the house promises to be made memorable by the formal inauguration of the war against the civil service law. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which will be taken up on Tuesday, contains the regular appropriations for the civil service commission, and whether or not all the members who favor the repeal or modification of the law unite to strike down the provision for its maintenance as the quickest and most direct method of crippling its operation, undoubtedly some will advocate this course, and the whole civil service question will be dragged into the arena of debate. How long the debate will last it is impossible to predict, but as this is the only item in the bill which will attract much of a contest, Chairman Cannon hopes and believes the bill can be settled before Saturday. The latter day under an order made on Thursday, has been set aside for paying tribute to the memory of the late Representative Cook of Illinois.

To-morrow Chairman Hitt, of the foreign affairs committee, will again seek to secure the passage of the bill to prohibit pelagic sealing by citizens of the United States. There is some very strong opposition to the passage of this measure in present form, and the whole question of the Bering sea negotiations may be precipitated when it is called up. Mr. Hopkins, of Illinois, and other members favor a limitation on the period of the operation of the act if it is to be passed, so that in case Great Britain refuses to restrict similarly her citizens, our citizens may not be placed at a disadvantage.

Others, like Mr. Johnson, of North Dakota, think the extinguishment of the seal herds in the near future is certain, and are not disposed to favor any legislation looking to their preservation.

The work of the senate, so far as it has been mapped out for the week, includes the consideration of the immigration bill, which stands on the calendar as unfinished business, the probable debate of the census bill and the pronouncing of eulogies upon the late Representative Holman, of Indiana. The general opinion among friends of the measure is that there will be no very strenuous opposition to the immigration bill, and that it may be passed after a brief debate. When a similar bill was before the senate last session it had its principal opponent in Senator Gibson, of Maryland, and as he has retired from the senate, the friends of the bill are hopeful that no one will be found who will feel called upon to champion the opposition. They remember, however, that when it was necessary in order to have the bill become a law, to pass it over the President's veto, the two-thirds vote requisite for that purpose could not be secured. Hence when they are hopeful of the speedy and favorable consideration of the bill, they realize the possibility of delay on account of opposing speeches. There appears to be no reason to doubt that when the vote shall be reached the bill will pass.

By special arrangement between Senators Carter and Lodge, in charge respectively, the immigration bill will be temporarily displaced on Tuesday in order to give Mr. Carter an opportunity to call up the bill for the purpose of securing a vote. When that agreement was made on last Thursday, Senator Carter expressed the opinion that very brief debate would be necessary to get the bill through, but there are now some indications that the civil service question will be raised in this connection, and if it should be a prolonged debate may be inaugurated.

The friends of annexation on the committee on foreign relations are now expecting to ask the senate to take up the treaty during the week. Though well aware of the impossibility of securing any action before the holidays, they are decided also upon taking the treaty up as such instead of attempting to secure legislation on a joint resolution. They may postpone their request for consideration until January.

The senate leaders express themselves as agreeable to the house programme for adjournment for the holidays on Saturday. The senate eulogies upon the late Representative Holman will be delivered on Friday.

Postmasters and Pensioners.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.--Pension certificates have been issued to West Virginia applicants as follows:

Original--Luke Lovejoy, St. Albans, at the rate of \$3 a month.

Increase--Amos E. Valentine, Linden, from \$8 to \$10 per month.

Widows, restoration and re-issue--Margaret M. Gay, deceased, \$5 per month.

The pension of Daniel Lucas, of Belaire, O., has been increased from \$12 to \$50 per month, and John Nesbitt, of Belaire, has been granted a pension at the rate of \$6 per month. A pension has been granted to the minor child of Eli S. Forsythe, of Washington, Pa., at the rate of \$10 a month.

The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed in West Virginia: A. Trump, of Kearneysville, Jefferson county; M. J. Boggs, Normantown, Gilmer county.

Philadelphia's Big Blaze.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.--The damage resulting from last night's fire at John and James Dobson's wholesale and retail carpet salesrooms, Nos. 509 and 511 Chestnut street, will reach a larger sum than was first estimated. Over \$500,000 in building and stock went up in smoke and fire, which was fully covered by insurance. The losses are divided as follows: Dobson building, \$50,000; stock, \$500,000; Sharpless Bros., adjoining Dobson on the east, \$300,000 on building and stock; Commonwealth Title, Insurance & Trust Co., adjoining Dobson's on the west, \$50,000; and W. H. Hoskins, stationary and fancy goods,

No. 505 Chestnut street, \$25,000. Sharpless Bros. and the Commonwealth company were principally damaged by falling walls and water. Hoskins' loss was by water. Fire Marshal Thompson has not yet determined the origin of the fire. The ruins smoldered all day and were viewed by thousands of persons.

JUDGE LYNCH'S COURT.

A Mob Trying the Negroes Suspected of the Murders at Hazlehurst, Miss.--One Found Guilty and Will be Lynched.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 12.--A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Hazlehurst, Miss., says: In an open field, without a house in sight, on a hillside, with a crowd of eager men waiting to avenge the terrible murder that has taken place in Lawrence county, in case a conviction was reached by the impromptu court, the scene lighted by flaring pine knot torches held aloft in the hands of the waiting mob, the three negroes, Giles Berry, Will Powell and Tom W. Allen, were standing trial for their life last night at Bankstone Ferry. According to reports received at this place from a messenger who arrived from the scene about 1 o'clock this afternoon, the quickly constituted court did not arrive at a conclusion last night. The negroes were arrested with Lewis, who was lynched Friday at the time of the original crime, but were released on their promising to appear next morning as witnesses. They did not put in an appearance when the trial was ready to begin and search was made for them by the mob. The search was quickly successful and the negroes when caught were brought back. Then the suspicion occurred that they were implicated with Lewis in the original crime. Assuming that Lewis was guilty, suspicion naturally pointed to these three negroes. According to their own story, they were with Lewis the night before. The three men testified that they slept in a cotton house about a mile and a half from the Smith house, where the horrible butchery took place, and that Lewis was with them all night, at least he was there when they went to sleep and was there when they awoke the next morning.

There are about 200 men in the mob constituting a committee of the whole for the trial. Reliable reports received here this morning from a messenger who left the scene of the trial, state that the mob is very moderate in its men, and has cooled down considerably from its former frenzy. The negroes are considerably scared and maintain their denial of any complicity in the crime with unswerving firmness.

A telephone message from Hon. Walter Catchings, of Georgetown, states that two more negroes have been arrested on suspicion. The very latest reports received here to-night from Georgetown state that the mob at 4 o'clock found Will Powell guilty and started for the scene of the killing to hang him.

LIONIZING WEYLER.

Meets with an Ovation at Madrid--Will See the Queen To-day.

MADRID, Dec. 12.--Lieutenant General Weyler arrived here this afternoon. He was received at the railway platform by General Azcaraga, former premier; General Borrero, former commander of the Sixth army corps, and by a number of Republicans, Carlists, Conservatives and Robelodists.

As he alighted from the train they cheered him and then carried him shoulder high to the entrance of the railway station, where he took a carriage and was rapidly driven off. There was no further incident, the public appearing indifferent.

A few friends, including Senor Romero Robledo, accompanied him to his apartments. About a hundred people had collected, but disappeared almost immediately after he entered the building.

The partisans of General Weyler pretend that a crowd of eight thousand people tendered him an ovation with shouts of "Long live Weyler!" "Death to the Yankees!" and the like. He will be received by the queen regent to-morrow.

El Correo Espanol says that the Carlists have abandoned their projected demonstration against President McKinley's message to congress, as they have not been able to agree on the subject.

It is alleged that the insurgents in Eastern Cuba have asked the government for details as to the extent and nature of autonomy, with a view of coming to terms.

Skipped with Customs Revenue.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Dec. 12.--R. N. Whitley, surveyor of customs for the port of Council Bluffs, has disappeared under circumstances that may lead to the conclusion that he is a heavy defaulter. He secured from a local importer on Thursday, \$2,160 to cover duty on a consignment. Instead of sending the money to the sub-treasury at Chicago, he took it home with him. He left the house that evening and has not since been seen. Recently he admitted to friends that he was short in his accounts with the government and secured some money to help him settle. His books cannot be found.

Haytian Ministry Resigns.

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 12.--The entire ministry has resigned. As yet the composition of its successor has not been definitely settled, but several well known names are mentioned that will command the confidence of Haytians and foreigners alike. This morning, after attending mass at Notre Dame, President Simon Sam was a circuit of the city on horse-back, escorted by his staff officers, but without special military display. The city has now resumed its normal aspect.

Cycle Race Short.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.--The managers of the six day bicycle contest that was finished last night in Madison Square Garden, now admit that which has been alleged, that the track was short. The great race, that the track was short. When Miller finished winner of the race, 2,693 miles had been chalked up to his credit. From what can be learned it is believed that the track was something like two hundred feet short to the mile, and therefore the actual distance was about 2,614 miles.

Weather Forecast for To-Day.

For West Virginia, threatening weather with rain; colder; northeasterly winds.

For western Pennsylvania and Ohio, threatening weather with rain or snow; increasing easterly winds.

Local Temperature.

The temperature Saturday as observed by C. Belmont, druggist, corner Post and Market streets,